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NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
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REGULART MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

July 12, 2018

NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tahoe City Public Utility District Office

221 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City, CA 96145

1. Call to Order

ROEDER called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jewett, Roeder, Hill, Chillemi, Fulda, and Lutkemuller.

Lyans arrived at 6:14 PM.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steakley and McFadden

STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Romack and Friedman

PUBLIC (including presenters and Community Report representatives): 12

2. MAC Member Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

LUTKEMULLER/CHILLEMI/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2018

HILL/CHILLEMI/Carried with abstentions from LUTKEMULLER and FULDA

5. Reports

A. Supervisor/Tahoe Field Representative Reports

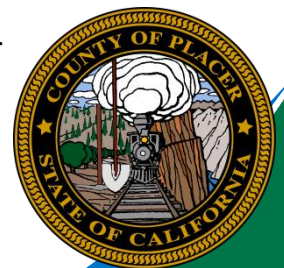
SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY said the Grand Jury report on the housing affordability crisis in Placer County has been released. It identified room for improvement, but overall the County received high marks for doing the right things to begin to address the issues. MONTGOMERY said the goals identified f the past 10 months have been achieved. There are more items to be addressed.

MONTGOMERY said the Board of Supervisors took action to create an on-demand Micro-Mass Transit System for Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows. Since NTRAC heard the item, Squaw has agreed to pay a 1% assessment on day lift tickets sold, in addition to the 1% that will be collected from businesses to operate the service.

The County has received a proposal to install cell towers on Roger Kahn's property at the wye. MONTGOMERY distributed a rendering and feels it actually improves the look of the building.

Candidate filing for the November elections opens July 16. There will be representatives at the Customs House to help filers through the process.

The County has taken a step in June to begin to make all County campuses smoke-free. The three-year programs begins at the North Auburn Government Center.



The MAC is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More info at www.placer.ca.gov/bos/mac. Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office.

A motion was made at the recent Board of Supervisors meeting to take a position in opposition of SB 54, the sanctuary state law. The motion died for lack of a second. The Sheriff's Department said there are only minor issues in the County and they are being handled. SB 54 is really not a County issue.

FULDA stated there is a law that if a cell company, in this case Verizon, is allowed access, other companies can also come in. He noted there is a lot of equipment associated with cell towers. FULDA urged the County to be very clear on the request, including how back up power is being handled. MONTGOMERY said the County has no legal authority to deny the request, but can put conditions on the approval.

CHILLEMI asked for clarification on permit extensions that have been granted, including 6731 and the Northstar Forest Flyer.

HILL has been fielding questions about smoking on County facilities, including Commons Beach and bike trails. She offered to be part of the overall discussion, given the County's new position.

B. Community Reports

Placer County Sheriff's Office Community Services Officer ALLYSON PRERO announced the first Tuesday of every month is National Night Out. The next one is August 7, 2018.

C. NTRAC Member Reports

LUTKEMULLER announced the July 14 and 15 Art, Wine, and Music Festival in Squaw. The 14th is a benefit for Achieve Tahoe. LUTKEMULLER said the County is hosting a candidate training workshop at the end of July.

HILL reported on TCDA events, including Concerts at Commons on Sundays and Oktoberfest coming up in the fall.

FULDA has received many comments from Alpine residents voicing concern about the Gasex avalanche control systems. Two more have been installed. They are so loud it's causing trauma to pets, who are being exposed to different sound frequencies, and the windows are shaking so hard it could be damaging the seals. FULDA urged the County to work with Alpine Meadows to investigate alternative operations, such as a different fuel mix so the explosions aren't so intense, or other ways the system could have less impact on the valley. MONTGOMERY reported on a meeting with RON COHEN, acting CEO at Squaw/Alpine. She made it clear that the County will not process any more applications until more is known about the Gasex system and what can be done to lessen the impacts. LYANS noted the crosswalks in Tahoe City were painted this week. She suggested some sort of flashing lights be used to delineate crosswalks in the evenings. MONTGOMERY said crosswalks are Caltrans, not Placer County. PETER KRAATZ from Placer County DPW will be making a presentation at next month's NTRAC meeting about traffic management issues in Tahoe City and Kings Beach.

6. Public Comment

There were no comments on items not on today's agenda.

7. Information Items

A. Recycling in Eastern Placer County: County staff will provide details on recycling programs for residences and businesses in Eastern Placer County.

Presenter: Candace Rousselet, Placer County Environmental Resource Specialist

ROUSSELET discussed how Placer County addresses recycling, particularly on the east side of the County. Programs in Tahoe include One Big Bin, in which people throw everything in the trash and it is sorted at the Cabin Creek Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). There are also programs addressing Hazardous Waste Collection, Electronic Waste Disposal, Mattress and Paint Recycling, and Green Waste programs. The County offers 0% loans of up to \$1,320 for five years for bear boxes. More information can be found at onebigbin.com.

ROUSSELET talked about mandatory recycling for businesses and additional services provided by the MRF. She answered many questions regarding use of blue bags in this area. Because the MRF sorts through all trash, blue bags are not really necessary and are up to customer preference. Even without the use of blue bags, almost 68% of all recyclables are caught at the MRF, which is a huge compliance rate.

ROUSSELET answered questions from the Council and the public clarifying recycling in this area. She noted that sharps should be disposed of in a special container or empty laundry detergent jug so the needles don't poke through. They should be taken to the MRF, not put in the trash. Medications and sharps can be turned in to the Sheriff's Department. ROUSSELET mentioned that anyone can tour the facilities at Cabin Creek.

B. Tiny House Zoning Text Amendment: Staff will provide an overview of a proposed Zoning Text Amendment updating the County Zoning Ordinance to allow a tiny home on wheels as a primary or secondary dwelling unit in zone districts where primary and secondary dwellings are currently permitted. A tiny house on wheels would be defined as a separate, independent living quarters that is less than 400 square feet; includes basic functional areas that support normal daily routines, such as a bathroom, a kitchen, and a sleeping area; is mounted on a wheeled trailer chassis; and is titled, licensed and insured to tow legally under the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Presenter: Placer County Planning Services Division staff

EMILY SETZER began her presentation by saying that if this ZTA is approved, it will not apply in Tahoe because of the Tahoe Basin Area Plan. There are conversations with TRPA and the Mountain Housing Council to update the Area Plan to allow for tiny houses on wheels. SETZER described the proposed ZTA. She discussed the benefits and explained the difference between these and recreational vehicles. Full details of the ZTA can be found at placer.ca.gov/housing. The draft ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors this fall.

The Council asked questions clarifying the proposed ZTA, current and proposed regulations, and how this proposal fits in to the secondary dwelling ordinance. A tiny house is considered to be less than 400 square feet, based on what can be towed.

The topic was open to public comment. VALLI MURNANE asked how they would be taxed. SETZER said the structure would not be subject to property tax, but the property and improvements, such as sewer, would be.

C. Heritage Plaza Public Art: Tahoe Public Art will give a presentation on the proposed temporary placement of an environmental art sculpture, the “Ursa Mater Bear” at Heritage Plaza in Tahoe City. Placer County staff will provide additional information on the operation of Heritage Plaza and process for placement of art on county property. Presenters: Mia Hanak, Tahoe Public Art and Andy Fisher, Placer County Parks Division

FISHER reported the County is considering the request for an encroachment permit for a temporary sculpture to be installed at Heritage Plaza. The Tahoe City Downtown Association has applied for TOT funds to have a permanent bronze sculpture made.

HANAK described what Tahoe Public Art is and its partnership with TRPA to install temporary environmental art around the basin. Ursa Mater was originally made for Burning Man and is a mother bear and 2 cubs made of 200,000 pennies. This piece has been on display in San Jose. The male counterpart is part of a Burning Man display at the Smithsonian. HANAK discussed the many agencies she has been working with and potential events surrounding the installation that can bring a positive focus to Tahoe City. Installation should take about half-a-day and would be in place for one year.

Discussion followed regarding details of the installation. In response to a question about lighting the piece, HANAK said eventually two lights would go into the ground. The lighting and signage will require additional permits.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Placer County Department of Public Works presentation on pedestrian and traffic issues in Tahoe City and Kings Beach
- TCPUD request for Park Dedication Fees

ROMACK reported there is some considering being given to whether or not Alpine Meadows should be part of Squaw Valley MAC since the ski areas are now owned by the same company.

JEWETT asked that the ZTA for tiny houses on wheels come back to NTRAC for action.

9. Adjournment at 8:12 PM to the next regular meeting on August 9, 2018 at the North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 N Lake Blvd, Kings Beach

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman
Recording Secretary